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STATEMENT BY FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN ON U THANT ACTION

Belgrade, October 26 - TANJUG:

Asked by TANJUG'S diplomatic editor how the Yugoslav Foreign Secretariat regarded the action of the Acting Secretary General of the United Nations, U Thant, in the Cuban crisis, the Foreign Secretariat spokesman said:

“The efforts of the esteemed Acting Secretary General of the United Nations, Mr. U Thant, both in the spirit which inspires them and in the goal at which they are aimed are in keeping with our general view and action that was best expressed in the statement made by President Tito concerning the Cuban crisis. Because of this we follow the action of Mr. U Thant not only with sympathy but also lend it every backing to which in our opinion it is entitled to count on from every quarter. As is known, Mr. U Thant's action directly follows the broad remarkable efforts of the unaligned and peace-loving countries in the United Nations, which are persistently pledging themselves for a way to be found during these critical moments to overcome this dangerous crisis and to promote conditions to eradicate it entirely, in keeping with the principles of the United Nations Charter and interests of world peace.”

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